

Patriot Perspective

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"Bind down the government with the chains of the Constitution."
Thomas Jefferson

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"It takes a gentleman to live on terms of hearty friendship and kindness and intimacy with men whose ideas and conduct he abhors and when he well knows that they view with contempt and horror the principles on which he shapes his own character and life." - Lord Acton

Freedom - Its Most Valuable Form

Most people living in America generally understand the definition of freedom. The Constitution of the United States guarantees the individual certain freedoms that we consider our God given rights. Freedom of speech, the right to bear arms, freedom of religion, freedom to vote, freedom to live wherever we choose; these are all understood by the general public and guarded for us by our judicial system. We have the freedom to create, and by doing, so affect change. We have the capacity to determine how we allow the world to affect us. We can imagine and dream of a better world, and make decisions independently when we empower ourselves. But how many of us understand that these are our internal freedoms?

My favorite freedom is the ability to create. I can live in any reality I envision for myself. My mind knows no boundaries. This ability is what separates mankind from the animal kingdom. Creatures live life as they can. People can choose to live as they please. An animal doesn't, its life can't be changed, and lacks the ability to evolve in this way. Humans, conversely, can determine, and select anything their minds can dream of. If people can perceive there is another way, a better way to do, to think, and to live, they possess the means to do so.

Part of this creative process is the capacity to effect change. We're able to look around us, and make a conscious choice for a new process, or discontinue an old one. We can speak out to friends, even strangers, exchanging ideas to gather knowledge and draw upon their expertise. Through discussions and by forming alliances with those who share common ideas, we rally support for new options in education, laws, and societal preferences. By support from others we aid in the lifting of oppressions, liberate the body, and soul of mankind, or we can watch the world idly pass us by. It is our choice. I choose liberation. Along with our capacity to effect change is the choice of how the world affects us. We don't have to accept anyone else's ideals, do as they say, or live, as they'd like.

It's within our ability, as thinking individuals, to make choices. We can choose to throw off the emotion often attached to issues, and look at the world in a more logical context. By dealing with an issue on a less emotional platform, we disarm its ability to harm us, or influence our decisions.

We're influenced in our youth, directed if you will, becoming what's acceptable to others. We're given examples to follow and are guided toward someone else's

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“Among the natural rights of the Colonists are these: First, a right to life; Secondly, to liberty; Thirdly, to property; together with the right to support and defend them in the best manner they can. These are evident branches of, rather than deductions from, the duty of self-preservation, commonly called the first law of nature.”
- Samuel Adams
The Report of the Committee of Correspondence to the Boston Town Meeting, Nov. 20, 1772

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ideal of who we should be. It's within our realm of reason to reject these influences or embrace them. We need to carry over the messages of identity given to us in our youth. Ask yourself, which of the messages I carry aids me in my endeavor to become the person I choose? By making a conscious decision to select which voices in your head that you listen to, you gain direction, and momentum in your quest to form your own identity.

With my life at its darkest, I feared losing myself. I gathered up only those things that fit into my car and drove 1,100 miles with my children, and disabled father to a place I'd never been and knew no one. Recreating my identity and my life is the freedom I gave myself. It was not bestowed upon me. I took responsibility for my own actions, and my future, by making the selection of what messages I took with me. I analyzed my life choosing which parts I enjoyed and wished to keep and which parts I discarded. I risked it all for an unknown. This isn't to say that this is what everyone must do to have the life they choose; it's one way. There are thousands of options you can take for yourself to create you and your world.

Plato was one of the first to dream of an ideal society, a Utopian world. If more of us looked inside ourselves and found the inner strength to make a change in our world, what then? What dreams are for grasping, creating new worlds for us? What wonders could we make in the world for others?

I envision a world where starvation is a word not a condition of living. I see violence on the streets replaced by parades and block parties. I hear laughter where once there was grief. I see neighbors helping each other without judgment or prejudice, and without thought of what personal gain is derived. Let's all put away our shackles of discrimination and hatred. Pride in ourselves for our achievements, and who we are replaces ego and greed. Our greatest crime is a missed opportunity, not a murder or rape. Peace is felt, and heard, not just read about. Can we live in such a world? Perhaps, perhaps not, but how will we know until we dream?

“If your government asks you to trade freedom for security, overthrow that government.”
- Ben Franklin

We make our own prisons, not in the bars of a jail, but in our minds. Look around you. Look at yourself. Is this the lifestyle you want? Are you who you want to be? Isn't it time to break out of your self-imposed prison, shed your manacles, and proclaim yourself free? Dream a dream, but not of what if, or, but then...?

When you have the freedom that God truly gave us all, there are no doubts or fears. Empower yourself and know that you can. This is your freedom. Your mind is the most powerful tool, or weapon you will ever know, or need; with it you can face anything, anyone, and smile. You're the craftsman of your own future. Breathe the fresh air of independence. Smell the flowers and the good clean earth. Hear laughter. Life is good no matter what your circumstances when you set yourself free.

“Freedom had been hunted round the globe; reason was considered as rebellion; and the slavery of fear had made men afraid to think. But such is the irresistible nature of truth, that all it asks, and all it wants, is the liberty of appearing.”
-Thomas Paine, Rights of Man, 1791

Legal Tender - Part 3

Over the last month, events around the world and especially in the United States have caused the economic decline to escalate.

Gas prices have increased by 20% and higher in certain areas. The price was steadily increasing in the previous six months and then took a sudden jump. Those who believe this was caused by the war in Iraq are sadly mistaken.

In all actuality, the oil supply from OPEC has increased since we invaded Iraq and Saudi also increased their supply at the same time. In the last week, Saudi announced it will increase the supply again. However, contrary to what you hear on the news, we really don't need it!

Having been raised in a Texas oilfield family, I was privy to information that has never appeared in any mainstream news. For instance, I was informed that the major oil companies have been capping 19 out of 20 productive wells in the United States since the early 50's. These capped wells are reported as losses for tax benefits to the oil companies.

Personally, a few years ago, I assisted in the construction of the oil and gas risk management software that is used by some of the top oil production and distribution companies in the United States, including Koch Engineering and Williams Industries. In order to build this software, I had to get nitty-gritty information regarding the actual volumes of crude oil and refined petroleum products being moved through pipelines, trucks and tankers. I was informed that, historically, only 15% of oil used in the United States comes from foreign sources! That's right... 15%!

What this all means is that not only should gas prices be MUCH cheaper than they are, but OPEC doesn't have the stranglehold on us that we have been lead to believe.

Recently, President Bush has fielded constant requests to release the national reserves that have been set up for this very purpose but has refused to do so. The only reasonable rationale for this is the potential requirement for governmental uses of these reserves (hint: think domestic military use).

The jump in gas prices has now started to affect the rest of the economy and shows up in higher cost of consumer goods due to the increased cost of distribution along with higher costs for air travel. In a recent pronouncement, John Kerry's campaign declared that consumers are being gouged because "oil companies are raking in record profits." In other words, the high prices exist because oil companies are being profitable. It is obvious that these increases are *not* caused by higher oil company profits.

“It is not what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable.”
- Moliere

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The truth is, U.S. politicians have worked overtime to place barriers like legislation, and rules over production, in front of those companies seeking to produce and sell goods made from petroleum. Then, when prices of those goods are rising, the politicians are confused and shocked. It is government intervention in businesses that causes these escalating problems. The markets for final goods like gasoline also drive the markets for other goods. Obviously, the accusations from the Kerry campaign and other critics of the oil industry fly in the face of economic theory. Higher prices do not arise because oil companies suddenly have become profitable. If that were true, then how could one explain that over the past two decades, oil company profits have been lower than overall average business profits? Consumers pay the price for the government's refusal to listen to simple, economic logic. Without a major change in economic thought by our government, it is expected that this will continue for some time.

The next major concern is the devaluation of the dollar against foreign currencies. In its latest economic outlook, the National Association for Business Economics estimated that inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index will rise by 2.5 percent in 2004. This index is the government's most closely watched inflation barometer and is the justification used by the Federal Reserve to pump more money into the economy. And, surprise...surprise, the Federal Reserve site just announced that the monetary supply (called the M-3) is up an astounding \$104.8 billion in just the past two weeks! That computes to 30% annualized growth in the money supply. Things are not looking good for the dollar!

Gold and silver have both halted their upward movement but should climb substantially over the next couple of months as the dollar devalues due to the enormous influx of worthless currency by the Fed.

The next area we need to look at is how the war in Iraq itself will affect our economy. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker told the Senate Armed Services Committee the \$38 billion he has for 2004 war operations will last only until the end of September, as he spends \$3.7 billion a month in Iraq and about \$900 million a month in Afghanistan. There is also \$18.4 billion needed to rebuild Iraq provided by Congress and \$2.77 billion paid or owed.

What every American needs to start doing is make it a point to determine just how much *each of every expenditure* by Congress is coming out of *their* pockets!

If we add the \$38 billion allocated already and the \$18.4 billion for rebuilding, we come to \$56.4 billion dollars. Now this is a lot isn't it, but since our government is not writing that figure out, it fools most Americans: \$56,400,000,000,000.

Now, there are 156 million taxpayers in this country. It is a simple calculation to divide this out to the amount coming out of *your* pocket. This comes out to \$361.54

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“Absolute justice is achieved by the suppression of all contradiction: therefore it destroys freedom.”

- Albert Camus

“Man, no doubt, owes many other moral duties to his fellow men; such as to feed the hungry, cloth the naked, shelter the homeless, care for the sick, protect the defenseless, assist the weak, and enlighten the ignorant. But these are simply moral duties, of which each man must be his own judge, in each particular case, as to whether, and how, and how far, he can, or will, perform them.”

- Lysander Spooner

"Have a heart that never hardens, and a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts."

- Charles Dickens

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out of *your* pocket, and you must remember that this is ONLY the spending in Iraq and Afghanistan. What about all the other spending by our government? Not to scare anyone, but merely to wake them up, think of the national deficit...divide IT by 156 million taxpayers.

The government's spending is increasing exponentially and no one seems to notice. It's time to wake your spouse up, wake up your neighbors and coworkers and let them know this has to stop. Lastly, sit down with your children and explain what burden we have placed on them and *their* kids.

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The Deception of Economic Growth

Our government says that any economic growth can be measured strictly in terms of changes in Gross Domestic Product (GDP). This has led to a paradoxical inversion of means and ends. When the government relies on the GDP, it encourages ever more monetary and regulatory violence against the free economy by self-serving, collectivist politicians and bureaucrats. These people believe that by portraying the GDP as expanding at even a minimal rate will guarantee them their office. This is regardless of the damage, either economic or social, it causes along the way.

National income accounting is directly due to John Maynard Keynes's socialistic view of economics. Those thinking individuals who reject these doctrines are condemned as Orwellian and are now, under the Patriot Act, finding the ability to voice their thoughts being restricted and opening them up for intense scrutiny for not accepting System-accepted "facts". Wouldn't Orwell be chuckling?

Since these doctrines were embedded into the American economy in the early 1900s, the bureaucrats have continually manipulated their statistics to create an ever-expanding totalitarian control of the economy. Even early Keynesian supporters doubted the long-term viability of allowing government planners to manipulate statistics.

"The statistician who supposes that he can make a purely objective estimate of national income, not influenced by preconceptions concerning the 'facts,' is deluding himself; for whenever he includes one item or excludes another he is implicitly accepting some standard of judgment, his own or that of the compiler of the data. There is no escaping this subjective element." (Kuznets, *National Income and its Composition*, 1919–1938, NBER, 1941.)

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"You can fool some of the people all of the time, and those are the ones you want to concentrate on."

- George W. Bush,
at a Gridiron Club
dinner

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In 2001, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was reckoned at just above \$10 trillion. Of this, \$7 trillion was due to personal consumption expenditures, private investment was just under \$1.6 trillion, and government outlays totaled \$1.9 trillion.

The hard issue is just who gets to determine what comprises "consumption" and what comprises an "investment." Then you have to ask yourself whether the 20% of GDP accruing to the activities of the State is included into the statistics at all.

Remember that in the current economy over 750,000 manufacturing and over 1 million information technology jobs have been lost in the past three years and these unemployed have ended up on the welfare roles of the State. American citizens are now drowning in debt and their financial assets are falling for the first time in at least fifty years. What these false GDP statistics mean is that the GDP is swollen by at least 16%. The fallacies and inconsistencies of the mainstream economics profession that are portrayed and accepted by the layman is a sad testimony to the effectiveness of deceptive propaganda being taught in our schools, universities and through the government controlled mass media.

US commercial banks, foreign monetary authorities, and the Fed itself has bought huge amounts of government paper, with paper printed for that purpose, (called monetization") in the last two years in an attempt to account for the wholesale increase in debt during that time which shows up in the GDP figures. This is an obvious case of fraud against the American people. It's like paying your Discover card with your Visa, but there is one difference, with the Fed, there is nothing of value behind it but ink and paper.

The currently labeled "recession" has seen manufacturing payrolls plunge to their lowest level since before Pearl Harbor. The total hours worked have also suffered such a steep decline that it is the worst economic contraction since World War II.

Contrary to common belief, inflation is the cause and not the result of rising prices. Inflation occurs when more money exists, in this case fiat money, than is required by individuals. To illustrate this fact, the M3 measure of money and credit is up by over a quarter since the end of 2000, a gain of around \$3 trillion. This quantity of "money" in circulation is more than the total quantity of money created in the entire history of our Republic since 1776.

American's mortgage debt is up nearly 40%, loans and credit card debt is up by a third, and state and local government borrowing is up by 30% in the past three years. Due to the mass layoffs and a stagnant economy, those businesses with a glut of unused production capacity and lowered sales, have little choice but "downsize" labor in order to stay afloat. Companies have also been unwilling to market to build up consumer

"Never bear more than one trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds - all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have."

- Edward Everett Hale

"The optimist proclaims we live in the best of all possible worlds, and the pessimist fears this is true."

- James Branch Cabell

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"History ... is, indeed, little more than the register of the crimes, follies, and misfortunes of mankind. But what experience and history teach is this - that peoples and governments have never learned anything from history, or acted on principles deduced from it."

- Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

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demand. A recent report by the Forrester Group showed that of 1,000 CEOs of Fortune 500 companies reported that they had reduced their percentage of marketing budgets to profits from an average of 25% to 2.9%. Individual businesses now find it more profitable to substitute capital for labor.

Contrary to government and media propaganda, the major cause of all the outsourcing overseas is the overtaxing of businesses which forces businesses to move in the only way they can to reduce labor costs. While the average American worker is superior in terms of education and productivity, they are not able to compete with the wages paid to workers in India and China. The Chinese run an export surplus with the US and own 60% of U.S. Treasury Bonds and have already intimated that, due to the devaluation of the U.S. dollar, they may dump all those bonds.

Despite home values having risen 30% in three years and having doubled in ten, homeowners' average equity is at a record low of 55%. The reason for this is the massive drop in mortgage interest rates that compelled Americans, hurting due to the depressed economy, to refinance or purchase homes. In addition, medical expenses, insurance premiums, and tuition are also rising by double-digit amounts.

There have also been rapid price increases and often multi-year highs for lead, nickel, zinc, gold, platinum, silver, palladium, lumber, oil, natural gas, coal, cotton, soy products, corn, palm oil, rice, rubber, and more.

America is suffering symptoms from the eradication of the middle class in favor of the governing class. This is primarily due to the deception which has been accepted as truth, that people are taught to believe their taxes are assets, like a loan to the government that they will get back when the state returns and repays it.

It is advantageous to foster a healthy distrust of government and the statistics they provide. In addition, we must remember that new jobs will only be created in those industries where the costs of hiring, including both the expenditure of benefits and wages, do not hinder, but enhance the profitability of the company's production of goods and services. The current state and direction of the American economy and the social aspects of totalitarian government may be best described in the following quote by Treasury secretary, Henry McCulloch:

"It is corrupting the public morals. It is converting the business of the country into gambling and seriously diminishing the labour of the country. . . . Men are apparently getting rich while morality languishes Upon the demoralizing influence of an inconvertible government currency it is not necessary to enlarge. . . . It is not to be expected that a people will be more honest than the government under which they live, and while the government of the United States refuses to pay its notes according to their tenor . . . it practically teaches the people the doctrine of repudiation."

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"Statistics are like a bikini. What they reveal is suggestive, but what they conceal is vital."

- Aaron Levenstein

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Americans need to wake up to the reality of why our economy is in the state it is in. Government planners have been following a flawed doctrine based on socialistic principles, not for the common welfare, but for their own personal gain. The only hope is that Americans stand up and reject this doctrine OF GREED in one loud, cohesive voice.

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The Myth of Gun Control

Of any other single fundamental right guaranteed by our founders, the 2nd Amendment "*Right to Keep and Bear Arms*", has most certainly caused the loudest objections and been the object of more direct violation than any other right. Those who would remove or restrict that right shackle the people of the United States and create the very situation that our founders fought and died to prevent, that is, the loss of liberty and freedom from tyrannical government.

Currently there are over hundreds of pieces of legislation at the Federal, State and Local levels which infringe on the "unalienable" right to keep and bear arms. The single purpose of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms was to prevent any government from ever usurping power from the people by force of arms.

2nd Amendment, Bill of Rights - "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Those that tend to detract and misconstrue the 2nd Amendment, attempt to tie the Right to Bear Arms into the Militia which has also been misconstrued and twisted into a meaning which it was not intended, that being equating of the National Guard to the *Militia*. This is facially incorrect, linguistically false and is a blatant attempt to controvert the intent of the Amendment in its entirety. It is necessary to take these in the proper context.

These statements in the 2nd Amendment are separated into two thoughts and therefore are two separate "*unalienable*" rights:

1. The right to have a regulated militia (being necessary to the security of a free state).
2. The right of the people to keep and bear arms.

AND Neither of which should be infringed.

This is the intended meaning of this amendment. To understand this fact, we must look at the founders and their adoption of this amendment to find any controversy that may have existed which might guide us to adopt it in its appropriate interpretation.

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"I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."
-Thomas Jefferson in a private letter

"The uniform, constant, and uninterrupted effort of every man to better his condition . . . is frequently powerful enough to maintain the natural progress of things toward improvement, in spite of the extravagance of government, and of the greatest errors of administration."
-Adam Smith

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Important Facts:

1. The 2nd Amendment, in the same form as it stands to this date, passed the House by a *voice vote without objection* and hardly a debate! (Whereas proposals for freedom of religion and those for freedom of assembly, passed only after lengthy and bitter debate)
2. Samuel Adams, in his request for the content of this Amendment, proposed that it state that the: *"Constitution shall never be construed ... to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms"* (He would be shocked to hear that today, his native state of Massachusetts, imposes a year's sentence, without probation or parole, for carrying a firearm without a police permit.
3. *"The great object is that every man be armed ... Everyone who is able may have a gun."* - Patrick Henry, in the Virginia Convention on the ratification of the Constitution.
4. *"To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them."* - Richard Henry Lee, Virginia delegate to the Continental Congress, initiator of the Declaration of Independence, and member of the first Senate, which passed the Bill of Rights.
5. *"The advantage of being armed ... the Americans possess over the people of all other nations ... Notwithstanding the military establishments in the several Kingdoms of Europe, which are carried as far as the public resources will bear, the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms."* -James Madison, author of the Bill of Rights, in his Federalist Paper No. 46.
6. *"No free man shall ever be de-barred the use of arms. The strongest reason for the people to retain their right to keep and bear arms is as a last resort to protect themselves against tyranny in government."* – Thomas Jefferson
7. *"Under any other construction of the amendment relating to the [right to keep and bear arms], than that it declared the [right to keep and bear arms] to be wholly exempt from the power of Congress, the amendment could neither be said to correspond with the desire expressed by a number of the States, nor be calculated to extend the ground of public confidence in the government."* – James Madison, from the Report of 1799 on the Kentucky-Virginia Resolutions
8. *"Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence. From the hour the Pilgrims landed, to the present day, events, occurrences and tendencies prove that to ensure peace, security and happiness, the rifle and pistol are equally indispensable. The very atmosphere of firearms everywhere restrains evil interference - they deserve a place of honor with all that's good."* – George Washington, Commanding General of the Continental Army, Father of Our Country and First President of the United States, *Address to the 2nd Session, 1st Congress, 1789.*

From the modern viewpoint, the Second Amendment is perhaps one of the worst drafted of all its provisions. The point of dispute in this Amendment is the inclusion

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of an opening clause that seems to set out its purpose. No similar clause is part of any other Amendment. The standard premise of those who wish to limit the Second Amendment's force is to focus on its opening clause as setting out a restrictive purpose.

If this was truly the case, then surely the Framers would simply have said something like "Congress shall have no power to prohibit state-organized militias." The obvious reason for this is that they did not intend this as a restrictive clause.

The same terminology also occurs in the text of the Bill of Rights itself and the usage there of terms "the people" in the First, Fourth, Ninth, and Tenth Amendments. Consider that the Fourth Amendment protects "[t]he right of the people to be secure in their persons," or that the First Amendment refers to the "right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." It is obvious that what the founders meant by these rights was specifically for the protection of individual rights.

There is then, strong evidence that "militia" refers to all of the people, or at least, all of those treated as full citizens of the community which were endowed with the "unalienable rights" mentioned in the Declaration of Independence.

George Mason, one of the Virginians who refused to sign the Constitution because of its lack of a Bill of Rights asked, "Who are the militia? They consist now of the whole people." And in a normally conflicting stance, the Federal Farmer, one of the most important Anti-Federalist opponents of the Constitution, referred to a "militia, when properly formed, [as] in fact the people themselves."

The consensus of opinion is obvious when you consider that for the next 100 years following the ratification of the Constitution and Bill of Rights, the foremost legal scholars of our time all came to the same opinion on the intent of both the "militia" and the "right to keep and bear arms" as belonging to the sovereign people and the individual alike. They each refuted any power of the government to infringe on these rights.

1803 - *"This may be considered as the true palladium of liberty...The right of self defence is the first law of nature: in most governments it has been the study of rulers to confine this right within the narrowest limits possible. Wherever standing armies are kept up, and the right of the people to keep and bear arms is, under any colour or pretext whatsoever, prohibited, liberty, if not already annihilated, is on the brink of destruction."* – "Tucker's Blackstone"

1829 - *"The corollary, from the first position, is, that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."* – William Rawle, LL.d. from "A View of the Constitution"

"Only by . . . repeated emphasis and varied iteration of certain truths can we hope to make headway against the stubborn sophistries and falsehoods that have led to the persistence of inflationary policies over nearly half a century."

- Henry Hazlitt

Speaking on real resources are, "far smaller in today's economy than they were twenty or thirty years ago. In fact, an ever-increasing part of our economy is becoming conceptual, rather than physical ... all of the items which are in the standard commodity indexes ... are essentially physical, rather than intellectual."

- Alan Greenspan

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“The militarily-patriotic and the romantic-minded everywhere, and especially the professional military class, refuse to admit for a moment that war may be a transitory phenomenon in social evolution. The notion of a sheep's paradise like that revolts, they say, our higher imagination. Where then would be the steeps of life? If war had ever stopped, we should have to re-invent it, on this view, to redeem life from flat degeneration.
- William James

“Truth possesses powers which always help it to victory against any hostile forces.”
- Rudolph Steiner

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1833 - “§ 1889 -§ 1890 . The next amendment is: "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." The importance of this article will scarcely be doubted by any persons, who have duly reflected upon the subject. The militia is the natural defence of a free country against sudden foreign invasions, domestic insurrections, and domestic usurpations of power by rulers. It is against sound policy for a free people to keep up large military establishments and standing armies in time of peace, both from the enormous expenses, with which they are attended, and the facile means, which they afford to ambitious and unprincipled rulers, to subvert the government, or trample upon the rights of the people. The right of the citizens to keep and bear arms has justly been considered, as the palladium of the liberties of a republic; since it offers a strong moral check against the usurpation and arbitrary power of rulers; and will generally, even if these are successful in the first instance, enable the people to resist and triumph over them. And yet, though this truth would seem so clear, and the importance of a well regulated militia would seem so undeniable, it cannot be disguised, that among the American people there is a growing indifference to any system of militia discipline, and a strong disposition, from a sense of its burdens, to be rid of all regulations. How it is practicable to keep the people duly armed without some organization, it is difficult to see. There is certainly no small danger, that indifference may lead to disgust, and disgust to contempt; and thus gradually undermine all the protection intended by this clause of our national bill of rights.” – Joseph Story LL.D. from Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States.

1898 - “By the Second Amendment to the Constitution it is declared that "a well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." The amendment, like most other provisions in the Constitution, has a history. It was adopted with some modification and enlargement from the English Bill of Rights of 1688, where it stood as a protest against arbitrary action of the overturned dynasty in disarming the people, and as a pledge of the new rulers that this tyrannical action should cease. The right declared was meant to be a strong moral check against the usurpation and arbitrary power of rulers, and as a necessary and efficient means of regaining rights when temporarily overturned by usurpation.

The Right is General. — It may be supposed from the phraseology of this provision that the right to keep and bear arms was only guaranteed to the militia; but this would be an interpretation not warranted by the intent. The militia, as has been elsewhere explained, consists of those persons who, under the law, are liable to the performance of military duty, and are officered and enrolled for service when called upon. But the law may make provision for the enrolment of all who are fit to perform military duty, or of a small number only, or it may wholly omit to make any provision

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at all; and if the right were limited to those enrolled, the purpose of this guaranty might be defeated altogether by the action or neglect to act of the government it was meant to hold in check. The meaning of the provision undoubtedly is, that the people, from whom the militia must be taken, shall have the right to keep and bear arms, and they need no permission or regulation of law for the purpose. But this enables the government to have a well regulated militia; for to bear arms implies something more than the mere keeping; it implies the learning to handle and use them in a way that makes those who keep them ready for their efficient use; in other words, it implies the right to meet for voluntary discipline in arms, observing in doing so the laws of public order.” – Thomas M. Cooley, LL.D., from The General Principles of Constitutional Law

The Founding Fathers recognized that, without learning of the principles behind their fundamental rights, citizens would be unable to maintain their liberty and free government could not be maintained. This is the core of the issue today.

The average American has little knowledge of the founding principles and documents of their own country. It is not taught in schools and it has been systematically eliminated from our media. The true history of our country has been revised, manipulated and mutilated to give a distorted view of our government and removed the basic concept of popular sovereignty from our public awareness.

To truly understand and appreciate the critical value of this knowledge, we need to take a step back and study where we came from and look at where we are now. We need to re-establish the purpose and principles our founding fathers intended in order to maintain this great country of ours.

According to the intent of our forefathers, the *right to keep and bear arms*, like other rights in the Bill of Rights, is an individual right, at all levels of government, and covers all weapons or other tools or supplies that might be used for defense, riot control, personal protection, law enforcement, or emergency response.

No fundamental right, including the right to keep and bear arms, may be disabled or restricted partially or entirely as these rights are those that our founders considered “unalienable”. Rights are not granted by our government or even our Constitution as they existed prior to their existence. It only promised to protect them.

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“In the long run even the most despotic governments with all their brutality and cruelty are no match for ideas. Eventually the ideology that has won the support of the majority will prevail and cut the ground from under the tyrant's feet. Then the oppressed many will rise in rebellion and overthrow their masters.”

- Ludwig von Mises

Social Security Facts:

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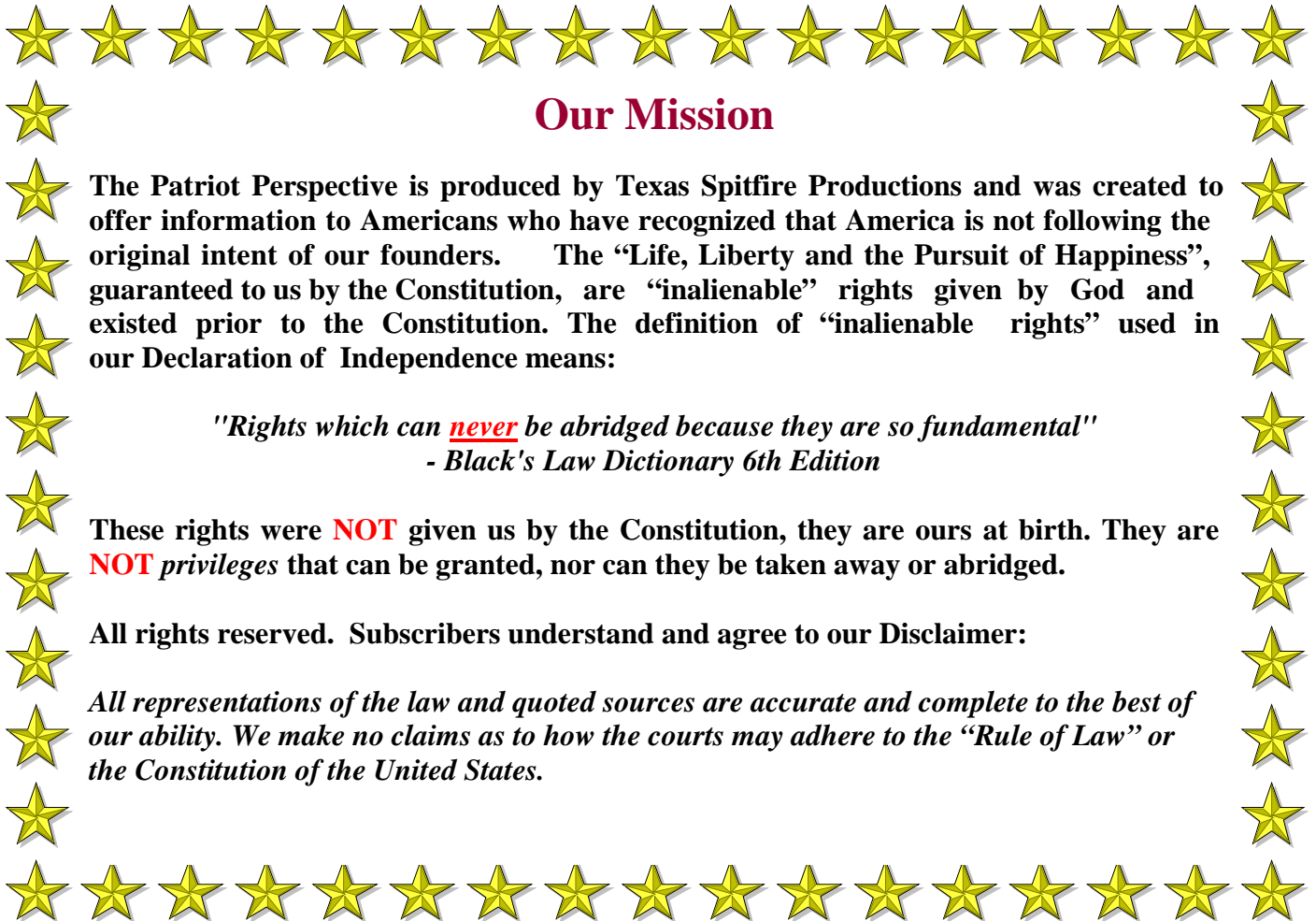
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*"Rights which can **never** be abridged because they are so fundamental"
- Black's Law Dictionary 6th Edition*

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